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SUBJ: FRG VIEWS ON INVITATION TO PLO TO IAEA MEETING

REF: A. STATE 212234; B. VIENNA 6689

1. AUG. 27 EMBOFF MET WITH DR. SCHMITZ, DIRECTOR OF FONMIN OFFICE FOR UN ORGANIZATIONS, TO DISCUSS USG INTENTION TO OPPOSE ADMISSION OF PLO AS OBSERVER AT IAEA GENERAL CONFERENCE IN RIO. EMBOFF NOTED USG INTENT TO COORDINATE WITH EC-9 ON THIS ISSUE, AND GAVE SCHMITZ NON-PAPER BASED ON PARAS 1-2 REF A.

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2. SCHMITZ WELCOMED USG PLAN TO COORDINATE WITH EC-9, BUT REGRETTED THAT WE HAD NOT MADE OUR DEMARCHE BEFORE LINES BEGAN TO BE DRAWN ON THIS ISSUE. ACCORDING SCHMITZ, ISRAELIS HAD TWO WEEKS AGO APPROACHED ALL EC CAPITALS TO LOBBY AGAINST PLO PRESENCE AT RIO CONFERENCE. ISRAELI CHARGE IN BONN HAD TOLD HIM AUG. 12 THAT USG WOULD ALSO WEIGH IN. ON BASIS ISRAELI DEMARCHE, SCHMITZ SAID THAT EC MEMBERS HAD INFORMALLY CAUCUSED ON WHAT TO DO AT RIO MEETING. THOUGH FRG ORIGINALLY WANTED TO VOTE AGAINST PLO INVITATION, IT HAD BACKED AWAY WHEN MOST EC COLLEAGUES TOOK SOFTER LINE. EC HAD REACHED NO FINAL DECISION, BUT SCHMITZ OPINED THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO MOVE EC TO "NO" VOTE GIVEN RESULTS OF ISRAELI APPROACH.

3. SCHMITZ ASSUMED THAT DUTCH WILL CHECK WITH EC COLLEAGUES ON BASIS USG DEMARCHE IN THE HAGUE. HE NOTED THAT DUTCH HAD EARLIER BEEN ONE OF FEW EC HARD LINERS AGAINST PLO INVITATION, BUT HE UNSURE WHETHER THAT STILL THE CASE. SCHMITZ SAID THAT FRG WILL NOT VOTE AGAINST PLO IF ITS EC PARTNERS TAKE DIFFERENT POSITION; FRG WILL NEED SUPPORT FROM "SEVERAL" EC PARTNERS IN ORDER CAST NEGATIVE VOTE. ON OTHER HAND, HE DOUBTED THAT ANY EC STATE WILL VOTE FOR PLO INVITATION, BUT RATHER THAT MOST - IF NOT ALL - WILL ABSTAIN.

4. SCHMITZ SHOWED NO ZEST FOR WAGING YET ANOTHER BATTLE OVER PLO REPRESENTATION. HE NOTED THAT PLO HAS WON ENTRY TO MOST IO'S ALREADY, WITH EXCEPTIONS IAEA AND IMCO. HE RECOGNIZED FORCE OF USG ARGUMENTS, WHICH HE CLAIMED MOST (BUT NOT ALL) FRG ELEMENTS SHARE. HOWEVER, HE PERSONALLY DOUBTED THAT OUTCOME IN RIO WILL DIFFER FROM EARLIER CHALLENGES TO PLO PRESENCE.

5. ACCORDING SCHMITZ, AFRICAN EFFORT TO OUST SOUTH AFRICA FROM IAEA WILL BE EQUALLY BURNING ISSUE AT RIO CONFERENCE.

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